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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2474

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PN EC

SUBJ: AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS: VISIT OF PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TO  
ECUADOR

REF: STATE 077961

1. EL COMERCIO OF QUITO REPORTED ON APRIL 2 THAT ON OFFICIAL  
PANAMANIAN COMMISSION COMPOSED OF FERNANDO MANFREDO, MINISTER  
OF THE PRESIDENCY, AND LTCOL MANUEL A. NORIEGA, FROM THE  
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, HAD CALLED ON THE SUPREME  
COUNCIL AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO EXPLAIN WHY THE MEETING  
OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS HAD BEEN CANCELLED. THE PAPER  
REPORTED THAT THE MEETING OCCURRED ON MARCH 31 AND THAT THE  
PANAMANIAN DELEGATION DEPARTED THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED POLCOUNS ON MARCH 31  
THAT AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM PANAMA WAS VISITING ECUADOR  
ON MARCH 31 AND WOULD MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE  
SAME DATE. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OFFICIAL, PANAMANIAN  
DELEGATIONS'S PURPOSE WAS TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION OF ECUADOR  
IN COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE JUNE BOLIVARIAN  
CONGRESS STILL TO BE HELD IN PANAMA JUNE 20-23, AND TO TRY  
TO SAVE FACE FROM THE CANCELLATION OF THE SUMMIT OF THE  
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LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE.

3. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE ECUADOREANS WERE GREATLY RELIEVED AT THE CANCELLATION OF THE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, AND THAT PERU HAD PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT CANCELLATION. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR MIGHT PARTICIPATE WITH A CULTURAL PRESENTATION AT THE BOLIVARIAN CONGRESS BUT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD EMPHASIZE IN MEETING WITH PANAMANIAN DELEGATION THAT GOE HAS NO DESIRE FOR ANY DISCUSSIONS OF SUBSTANCE AT THE BOLIVARIAN CELEBRATION.  
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